

## Rosalie Burton

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This is a tape of an interview with Rosalie Burton recorded by Ralph Siddoway in Oct. of 1976. The subject is Mrs. Burton's experience and history in Brown's Park. My name is Mike Brown of the Golden Age Center. Today is Oct. 25, 1978.

Rosalie Burton (Rosalie): Rosalie Miles DeJournette Burton. My folks were born and raised in Kentucky. I was eight years old when we left Kentucky. We came by train to a little place outside of Denver. My uncle had a cattle farm in... I can't remember just the name of the place, it was out of Steamboat—a ways out of Steamboat. My uncle, Will Miles, had a big cattle ranch and we lived there one winter. I went to school in Steamboat. I have had three sisters and one brother. We all lived up there that winter, and the next year my dad decided to move to Brown's Park.

We had two teams, two wagons, and my dad drove one team and this Gordon Wilson, whom Mrs. Flynn (?) later in my life, drove one team for us to Brown's Park. We were several days on the road, and it was the first time in my mother's life she ever camped out. Dad didn't know a thing about farming; he was a blacksmith in Kentucky. But we had moved to Brown's Park and we built us a log house, dirt roof and dirt floor, and we lived in the cottonwood log house for a year.

Then my grandfather came out from Maryland and helped us build a new house. My dad went up to Douglas Mountain. and got the lumber out, and built us a house. We called it Poverty Flats, which it was. Poverty Flat was right. We lived there and I went to school. My mother was on the school board and we first got our new schoolhouse. We were very proud of that school house. I went to school there until I went to 8th grade in that school, and then later, I went to school down here in Vernal.

Ralph Siddoway (RS): About how many people went to school there?

Rosalie: Oh, sometimes there was quite a few. Sometimes we'd have fourteen or fifteen and we had good teachers. We had wonderful teachers, and I think they taught from the 1st grade to the 8th in that school. My brother and I went to school, my other two sisters, my three sisters, we went to school there. We moved—I married Ford DeJournette in 1914— and we moved. He ran the Brown's Park Livestock Company for a good many years.

RS: He was the manager, wasn't he?

Rosalie: He owned it.

RS: Oh.

Rosalie: He owned it. He bought from A. Kendall in Rock Springs, Wyoming.

RS: Mr. Crouse came into ownership after that, huh?

Rosalie: Yes, then sold it.

RS: So, DeJournette sold it to Mr. Crouse?

Rosalie: Yes, Crouse's outfit bought it. Then we moved to Vernal in 1919. See, I've left out all of this where I lived and went to school.

RS: Let's play it back and see if it's recording the way you want it.